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Date: Fri, Jun 6, 2003 2:14 PM
Subject: Rescind FCC Deregulation of media ownership and more

So the FCC has abandoned its responsibility to the public and insists that media duopolies will increase media diversity and responsible reportage. The Congress and the Senate should throw out the decision to increase media duopolies, but another safeguard should be added. A percentage of the corporate take should go to funding competing media outlets which are not beholden to giant conglomerates. Mega media make billions off the public airwaves. As such, they should contribute by law to independent media outlets so the public will have a minimum amount of content choice. When they achieve complete control, truth will cease to exist in favor of the lie that will best enrich the stockholders.

Upon watching the preliminary hearings and questioning of the FCC by Senators it was clear that Commissioner Powell intended to perpetrate a lie to the Senate by claiming that 75% of the public correspondence received on this issue consisted of form cards from the NRA. Thankfully, he was quickly refuted by FCC Commissioner Jonathan S. Adelstein. This attempted lie should be taken very seriously by the honorable Senators.

Respectfully Submitted,

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From: Keith Brewer
To: Michael Copps
Date: Fri, Jun 6, 2003 2:38 PM
Subject: FCC ruling of june 2

Mr Copps, You and Mr Adelstein are my new HEROS. Please keep on fighting for what is right against the forces of greed, for forces of greed is what they are. It is sad to see where this society is headed. FIGHT ON!!!!

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